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| Art Unit       | 2125                        |
| Examiner       | Rao, Sheela S.              |
| Docket #       | 450.251US1 (P08448US00/RFH) |

### ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply             | Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)     |
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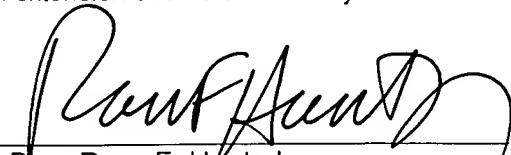
### FEES CALCULATION: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below:

|   | NOW | Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate       | \$         |
|---|-----|---------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| X TOTAL CLAIMS                                      | 27  | 23                  | 4             | X \$ 50 =  | 200        |
| X INDEP. CLAIMS                                     | 4   | 4                   | 0             | X \$ 200 = | 200        |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =                        |     |                     |               |            | 200        |
| Reduction by ½ for small entity status of applicant |     |                     |               |            | SUBTOTAL = |
|   |     |                     |               |            | 200        |
| Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition)   |     |                     |               |            |            |
| Other fee for                                       |     |                     |               |            |            |
| TOTAL OF ALL FEES =                                 |     |                     |               |            | 200        |

A The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above-noted fee of \$200.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0439.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee, additional fee or extension fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0439  
 (1) if no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith; or  
 (2) if no petition for extension of time is enclosed but an EOT is required - and in this event, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Date: February 2, 2005

  
 By: Ross F. Hunt, Jr.  
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## AMENDMENT

|                |                             |
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004:

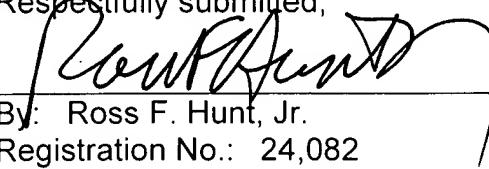
A) please consider the responsive **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**; and

B) please amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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